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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link Up
CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket 03-109; WC Docket 11-42**

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

In these trying economic times, these programs are extremely important to our members and their families. As the Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership, we applaud your efforts to both increase participation in these programs and reform them to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse.

The majority of the FCC's proposed reforms were both reasonable and, we believe, ultimately beneficial to both the LifeLine program and its users. However, there were three proposed changes that we believe would have an immediate and deleterious impact on the users of Lifeline services.

These programs have been successful in recent year because they are both free and easily accessible to the average qualifying consumer. If the FCC's recommendations are adopted, the program will be immediately handicapped.

We also have great concern about the FCC's recommendation of capping support for the low-income portion of the Lifeline program. To do so would again strike at the heart of what has made Lifeline more successful in the past three years than in the over twenty-year life of the program. Much of the rise in participation in the Lifeline program has been due to the "great recession" which has affected this country in recent years and the high unemployment that has accompanied it.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing the issues with these critical programs. We look forward to observing the ongoing rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

Community Services Block Grant Program Manager



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